



Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 4/7/16

PRESENT

Members: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Susan Stamps, Ellen Callaway
Residents: Yingzi Yang, Pete Howard

MINUTES of 3/3/16 approved as printed.

PROJECT UPDATES

Compost Pilot: Susan posted a note on the A List describing the pilot. We need a link on the Town website recycling page pointing to the information about this project, Gordon's article.

Business Recycling: BoH has the hauler responses. Susan will request a copy for us to review. She will forward to Pete to convert to Excel file. Yingzi has 30 responses from businesses. She will send a link to committee. Pete will cross correlate hauler & business responses to identify businesses that don't recycle and that contract with haulers that do. He will also identify haulers who do not recycle. We need to reach more businesses. Juli will approach the BoH to see if they could provide us the list of businesses that they mailed our survey to a couple of years ago. That mailing didn't cost ARC anything because it was combined with their licensing renewal process. There was some discussion about including a return envelope, but not return postage. Juli will ask the CoC how many businesses received our email.

Associate membership: At Town Meeting, Gordon will inquire about Parks & Recreation's experience.

Plastic bag recycling: Juli reported that Larry has traced the Stop & Shop program using their corporate headquarters. The bags are trucked to a facility in Freetown where the bags are baled and trucked to Trex where they are made into decking. So far no info on Whole Foods. Rebecca & Charlotte have filmed a video about plastic bag recycling. They hope to have it posted on the Town website.

Advocate Recycle Right column: Juli provided a table drafted by Charlotte (Ref 1) suggesting a monthly theme for both her DPW articles & the ARC's monthly articles. The table takes into account responsibilities of the DPW and the interests of the ARC as well as seasonal demands. Juli has talked with the editor who is supportive of a Recycle Right column of 400 to 600 words. It must have a byline (author's name). Pictures are welcome. We hope to have a weekly column. Juli will write the 1st which will introduce the column & its purpose. Also in April, we need articles on our compost pilot and one based on Paul's tips.

TOWN HALL DISPLAY: 4/1 to 5/16 Two of Ellen's photos are mounted in the western display case together with recycling text prepared by Juli. The eastern display case is ready for 2 more photos. Ellen is preparing them.

NEW DIVERSION PROGRAMS:

Barrel limit not discussed.

Bulky waste curbside collection: Not discussed.

Mattress Recycling: Not discussed

NEXT MEETING 5/5/16 - Meetings held 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor

Ref 1 Recycling Media Workbook

Ref 2 Recycling Committee needs volunteers for neighborhood composting project

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	Main theme ARC	Main theme DPW	sub	sub
January	Donate/ReUse	Holiday trees	batteries	
February	Plastic Bags, curbside contamination	Plastic Bags, curbside contamination		
March	Share a compost bin	EcoFest	compost bins for sale	
April	Earth Day: reduce curbside contamination	Composting, early CCD, reuse	Share a compost bin	Rot and Roll
May	Community Collection Day, Beyond the Bin	Community Collection Day, Textiles	Greenworks tour in May/June	Share a compost bin
June	Food waste	Food waste, end of school year reuse	drop off at Farmers Market	new Recycling Guide
July	Share a compost bin	Mercury items, ink cartridges	Share a compost bin	compost bins for sale
August	Share a compost bin	propane tanks, scrap metal	Share a compost bin	compost bins for sale
September	Food waste	Food waste	Share a compost bin	textiles
October	Composting leaves	Composting leaves	textiles	Share a compost bin
November	Volunteer with the Recycling Committee	Final leaves	leaf drop off	propane tanks
December	Paper, no plastic	leaf drop off, no hot beverage cups	holiday packaging, get off mailing lists	winter composting

[arlington] [news] Recycling Committee needs volunteers for neighborhood compost project

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The Arlington Recycling Committee is starting a pilotcomposting project with neighborhood compost bins and is looking for volunteersto host a bin in their neighborhood. Wewelcome veteran composters and those who have never done it and would like tolearn. If interested, or for more information,contact the DPW Recycling Coordinator, Charlotte Milan at 781-316-3108 [orcmlan at town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:orcmlan@town.arlington.ma.us).

Our article "Kitchen Waste is the Next Big Thing," whichrecently appeared in the Advocate, has more information on composting inArlington. You can find it on the townwebsite at <https://arlingtonma.gov/home/showdocument?id=28678>

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